S. No.	State/U. T.	Forest Cover 1981-83	Forest Cover 1985-87	% of Increase
5.	Manipur	17679	17885	1·16
6.	Nagaland	14351	14356	0·03
7.	Punjab	766	1151	51·5
8.	Rajasthan	12478	12966	3·0
9.	Sikkim	2839	3124	10·0
10.	Uttar Pradesh	31443	33844	7·63
11.	Andaman & Nicobarland	7603	76 24	0.27
12.	Chandigarh	2	8	30·0
13.	Delhi	15	22	46·6

Disappearance of IAF MIG-21 Aircraft/helicopter

1489. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 fighter aircraft mysteriously disappeared from Bhuj air base in the Western Sector around Kutch on 25th June, 1990;

(b) whether another army helicopter was also found missing in Rajouri Sector sometime in mid July, 1990;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the missing MIG-21 and the army helicopter have been located, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of persons killed in each case separately;

(f) the outcome of the inquiry conducted in this regard;

(g) what is the total number of IAF air accidents during 1989 and 1990 till date stating the main causes identified for the frequent air accidents and the measures contemplated by Government in the matter; and

(h) whether there is any possibility of pilot of MIG-21 aircraft defecting to a neighbouring country; if so, the threat this would pose to the strategy of other such planes with IAF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) A MIG-21 aircraft was declared missing over the sea in the Gulf of Kutch area on 25th June, 1990.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The MIG aircraft and pilot missing since 25th June, 1990 have not been located despite extensive air and sea search over the area. The Army helicopter was traced within Indian territory, near the Pir Panjal Pass, where it had crashed, resulting in the death of all the five occupants (3 passengers and 2 crew).

(f) In the case of MIG aircraft, the Court of Inquiry was not able to proceed in the absence of material evidence. As per the Court, the aircraft most probably crashed into the sea. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered in to the crash of the Army helicopter.

(g) The information regarding the number of accidents is of classified nature and cannot be disclosed in public interest. There have not been fre-

quent air accidents in the IAF during 1989 and 90, during which period the accident rates have shown a down ward trend. The main causes for air accident are technical failure, human error and bird strike. Each accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry comprising specialists from the IAF, Ministry of Defence and the manufacturers. Suitable remedial measures are taken in the basis of recommendations made by the Court.

(h) No, Sir. There is no evidence to indicate the possibility of defection.

Expenditure incurred on Government/ Law officials travels abroad for investigations into Bofors Scandal

1490. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Government officials and Law officers who have travelled abroad for investigation into the Bofors Scandal since December 1, 1989;

(b) the dates, duration and countries visited by officers; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on these visits by Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The names of Government officials and Law officers who have travelled abroad for investigation into the Bofors Scandal since December 1, 1989:

(b) The dates, duration and countries visited by officers:

Sl. No.	Duration of visit	Names of officers	Places visited
1.	(i) 24-1-90 to 29-1-90 (ii) 3-2-90 to 17-2-90 (iii) 22-3-90 to 1-4-30 (iv) 12-6-90 to 24-6-90 (v) 27-6-90 to 24-6-90	Shri Bhure Lal Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office.	(i) Geneva Rome (ii) Geneva (iii) Bonn/Frankfurt (iv) Geneva, Stockholm (v) Dubai
2.	(i) 23-1-90 to 28-1-90 (ii) 8-2-90 to 21-2-90 (iii) 30-3-90 to 7-4-90 (iv) 16-7-90 to 26-7-90	Shri K. Madhavan, Joint Director (E). CBI, New Delhi.	(i) Geneva, Berne (ii) Geneva, Berne, Stockholm (iii) Geneva, Berne, Stockholm (iv) Geneva, Berne, Stockholm
3.	14-2-90 to 21-2-90	Shri R.M. Singh, Superintendent of Police, C.B.I., New Delhi.	Geneva, Stockholm
4.	20-3-90 to 31-3-90	Shri Umesh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CBI.	Geneva, Berne
5.	(i) 22-2-90 to 31-3-90 (ii) 12-6-90 to 14-6-90 (iii) 27-6-90 to 23-6-90	Shri M.D. Sharma, Joint Director(E) C.B.I., New Delhi.	(i) Geneva, Berne, Bonn, Hamburg, Keil (ii) Geneva, Berne, Stockholm, Bonn, Hamburg, (iii) Dubai
6.	16-7-90 to 26-7-90	Shri R. Shekhar, Director, C.B.I. New Delhi.	Geneva, Berne, Stockholm